

## Four Collegiate Quints Play on Local Floors

Georgetown, George Washington, Catholic University, and Gallaudet to Have Fast Teams.

Other Timely Gossip.

By C. W. SWAN.

OUR collegiate basketball teams will be playing ball this winter, and the formation of one of the strongest leagues in the South is possible. Georgetown will have a corking good quint, while, from all reports, Catholic University should put a team on the floor which will be able to give a good account of itself. Gallaudet will have another fast, aggressive team, while little is known regarding the strength of the George Washington University five. While it is almost a settled fact that Georgetown and Catholic University will not meet in any branch of sport, and George Washington is not on the best of terms with Georgetown, still the Buff and Blue quint will meet both Gallaudet and Catholic University this winter, and it would create a great deal of interest in the winter pastime if Georgetown will consent to play the other two schools. Nothing has been done along these lines officially as yet, but it is understood that a movement will be started at once to form such a league.

The Intercollegiate Basketball League will get to a good start in the near future, and then some for will fly, as the teams this year promise to be very evenly matched. Business will have a strong team, as Capt. Harris stated last night that the men have been working hard for the past week, and that the first team would be picked within the next few days.

Western will have a rather light team from all reports, while Catholic University will have a green, but speedy aggregation. The Army and Navy Preps promise to put another championship quint on the floor, with Eastern as the dark horse. Last season this league created quite a little interest, and as the games will be played in the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, large crowds are expected. Games will be played Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

The Vigilants will tackle the United States Engineers this afternoon at Union League Park for the championship of the District. Manager Oliver, of the Vigilants, will have both Ray Brown and Wayne Hart in the game, as the Engineers are reported as having the best basketball team in the history of the Washington Harbors.

Last year the Vigilants defeated the Bridge Builders by a 5 to 0 score, after one of the hardest-fought games of the year, and this season the Engineers are expected to be even stronger than in former years. Johnny Blair, one of the best punters in this section, will do the booting for the Vigilants. The Vigilants will have a service aggregation in banking on winning the game.

A mounted escort will bring the team to Union League Park this year, as last year, and the army music will again be on the field. Tulp, son of Uncle Sam's aide will be on hand to cheer their team to victory, and the largest crowd of the year will witness the game, which will be called promptly at 5 o'clock.

One man who played on the Georgetown eleven last season deserves a great deal of credit and is Billy Martin, who handled an end position so ably in the V. P. I. contest last Thursday. Billy is nothing but a youngster, but Coach Frank Gargan predicts a bright future for him on the gridiron.

While no election of a football captain has been held at Eastern or Business as yet, the leader of the 1912 eleven at both schools are all but chosen. Harry Harris, the leading half back, will more than likely captain the Stenographers, while "Country" Fisher is slated to lead the Light Blue and White aggregation next season on the gridiron.

Fisher was easily the sensation of the scholastic series. The speedy Eastern player won one of the best defensive games ever seen, while on the receiving end of a few passes he did not have an equal. Unprecedented spectators of the games always spoke of Fisher as the star of the series, and he just about carried that title.

Sylvan King, Central's wonderful full back, played by far the best football of the series, but it was expected of him. He is a hard charger, and has had a great deal more experience and was playing with a better team, and also playing a position which gave him more leeway to shine.

But when all is said and done, "Country" Fisher, Eastern's lightning end, was the first sensation of the 1912 scholastic series.

### WESTMINSTER DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

The games in the Westminster Duckpin League this season are proving to be interesting. Last week the first game between the Reds and Whites resulted in a tie. The Whites won in the second game. In the third game the Whites won by a good margin of thirty pins, while the third game went to the Reds by a margin of ten pins. The Reds won the first two games from the Blues by a good margin of 27 and 23 pins, respectively, while the third game went to the Blues by 22 pins. McKelvie was high man for single game with 125, and W. C. Church finished the lowest score of 55.

### BOYS TAKE LONG WALK.

Hikers' Club Visits Scene of the College Park Fire.

The Twentieth Century Hikers' Club, which is composed of members of the Y. M. C. A. boys' department, took a twelve-mile jaunt yesterday to view the burned buildings of the Maryland Agricultural College. So far this fall they have covered an even eighty-three miles. Pathfinder Blackford Jennings figures that two more Saturday afternoon hikes will round out the even hundred miles which the boys have set out to cover before giving up their fall activities.

### Waggoner to Lead Lafayette.

Easton, Pa., Nov. 28.—William Waggoner has been elected captain of the Lafayette football team for next year. He has played three seasons with Lafayette and is one of the best tacklers the team has had in that time. He was injured early in the season and was able to play in only a few early games and in part of the game with Lehigh last week. Among the rumors concerning next year's schedule is that Lafayette will play in the annual game of the University of Pennsylvania. Yale will play here, in conformity with the arrangement made by which Lafayette played at New Haven this fall.

## Basket-ball Teams in Field of This Winter

### JIM THORPE, CARLISLE, GREATEST ATHLETE HIS WORK THE MARVEL OF EASTERN STARS SOMETHING OF ABILITY OF THIS ABORIGINE



New York, Nov. 28.—Jim Thorpe, of Carlisle, will go down in athletic history as the "greatest athlete of his time." It is doubtful if any human being ever combined the manifold athletic proclivities as this young "Red" of the Sac and Fox tribe by winning the decathlon and pentathlon in Stockholm last summer. This aborigine individual star at the same time the most wonderful man who ever took part in the great international athletic championships since Greece. He is the greatest athlete since the shadow of Olympus.

There is nothing relating to sport or athletic strife that Thorpe cannot do and do exceptionally well. In fact, he is a champion at anything to which he turns his attention. Many versatile athletes there have been, but none before Thorpe. He is the greatest athlete since the shadow of Olympus.

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## VIGILANTS TACKLE ENGINEERS TO-DAY

Battle for Independent Title to Be Staged at Union League Park.

When the Vigilants and the U. S. Engineers clash this afternoon at Union League Park, Fifteenth and H Streets Northwest, one of the best independent football games of the year will be staged, as both teams are going to be in the best of form. Last night Coach Wayne Hart worked for two hours with the Blue and Gray eleven, and stated after the practice that the team was in the best condition of the season. The Vigilants will depend upon their speed to beat the weight of the Army eleven, while the Bridge Builders will use trick formations and line plunges.

Last season these teams fought one of the hardest games of the year, the Vigilants winning out by a 5 to 0 score, and this year the Engineers are out for revenge. No stone will be left unturned by Manager Oliver and Coach Hart to win this contest, as with it will go the independent championship of the South. This is the second game for the Hymen Levy trophy.

The Engineers will bring about 800 members with them, together with a squad of mounted men, while the Vigilants will have their usual large squad of rosters. Manager Oliver and Coach Hart will be on hand to handle the largest crowd of the season, and all will be taken care of. Prior to the big game, which starts promptly at 3 o'clock, the Nationals will meet Mount Pleasant for the 100-point title.

## Bill Bailey's Column

Center Rush Ashton breezed into the office last night. "I'm on my way to New York," he remarked. "I've just been to the office and I've got a little more work to do before I get down on the road. I'll be back in a few days, so don't worry about me."

Charles King, the genial sporting goods store manager, announced his last Army-Navy football game yesterday, and returned home right after the game.

According to the Alexandria County Monitor, it is understood that one of the Virginia football teams will be allowed to play in the District. The Monitor says, and everybody on the wrong side of the bridge agrees by the Monitor.

A dispatch from James Connelley states that a race between two teams of the Washington Club, one of which was made up of a name for himself as a runner, and the other team, is still alive for the club, as the Monitor.

Reports from the Coast say that Harry Wolcott will be the highest paid manager in the Washington Club. Wolcott will be allowed to purchase his release at the close of the season, if he chooses. It was upon this stipulation that he signed.

Harry Wolcott has a new little idea that basketball players should get the week's vacation some money. If left to the vote of the club, there are some big leagues who would use all our funds.

Harry Howell, the former Brown leader, will again compete in the Texas League next season. Howell has the rare distinction of being both pitcher and an umpire at the same time in the Texas League.

March for Gary Miller: Who is Gary Miller? Why, Gary is the new light-weight champion, who is known to be a son of a gun.

Patent of Leahy, about largely in a vision from death, as stated of Thanksgiving indication. It was the result of work which Leahy did not much to get a patent on a new device.

A dispatch from New York says: "What I want to see is a good look at the new device, 'All of which would indicate that the device is not a new device, but a new device in the same sense as the new device."

The lady quickly shook her head: "I don't think so, I'm afraid of outdoor sports," she said. "If they are not too late."

Yes, sir; the girl that Connelley had been to see, was not in the line of the new device, as he had signed to write a new device, and he was not a new device, but a new device in the same sense as the new device.

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## LINDEN IS PICKED TO WIN "Y" MEET

Whirlwind Finish Predicted for the Series of Gym Sports Ending Wednesday Week.

A whirlwind finish is predicted for the series of athletic gymnastics sports, which has been going on all fall at the Y. M. C. A., and which is to be concluded next Wednesday week. The farthest of the series is the "Y" meet, which will be held on Wednesday night. The difference of 47 points is less than one-third of 1 per cent between the scores of the two athletes. Seldom or never have any two competitors been more evenly matched in any athletic contest in the District.

The dope is that Linden will win the valued trophy of the Y. M. C. A. arriving at this conclusion by a simple mathematics. The standing of the ten high men in the series so far is: Laseley, 177; Linden, 130; White, 128; Elder, 125; W. Johnson, 121; Farrell, 113; Hamilton, 102; Ashby, 75; Schuler, 69; and Becker, 54.

All the contestants, forty in number, are also divided into four teams and compete in groups as follows: Team 1, Laseley, captain; Team 2, White, captain; Team 3, Laseley, captain; Team 4, Laseley, captain.

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## GALLAUDET QUINT BOOKS TEN GAMES

Attractive Schedule for Kendall Green Basket Tossers—Season Opens December 7.

Manager Johnson has just completed one of the most attractive ever planned before a basketball team representing Gallaudet College. The Buff and Blue have met with good luck in basketball in the past, and this year one of the best quintets known at the college should be on the floor.

The schedule calls for ten games. Five of this number will be played at the Kendall Green gymnasium. All the teams on the list are of Gallaudet's class. As the schedule above, Gallaudet opens his season December 7 against Catholic University. The game with St. John's at Annapolis is the only other contest that the Buff and Blue will play before the Christmas vacation.

Gallaudet met all the teams on the schedule last year, with the exception of George Washington University, Baltimore City College, and Maryland Agricultural College.

Catholic University has two dates on the schedule. The rivalry between this university and Gallaudet has been maintained for some time, so this year should not prove an exception. The season closes February 22.

Coach Arras and Capt. Duran have given the squad a new look. The week's practice has revealed several new faces. Among these are Griggs and Helmer. Both have had experience in the past, but the former coming from the University of Utah, and the latter from St. Olaf College, Minnesota.

The schedule follows:

December 7—Catholic University, at Kendall Green.

December 14—St. John's, at Annapolis.

January 4—Loyola College, at Baltimore.

January 11—College of Virginia, at Charlottesville.

January 18—Baltimore City College, at Kendall Green.

February 1—George Washington University, at Kendall Green.

February 8—Catholic University, at Kendall Green.

February 15—Baltimore Medical College, at Baltimore.

February 22—March 1, Joseph, at Kendall Green.

## MOTORCYCLE NOTES.

Harry E. Patterson has arrived in Whittier, Cal., from Pittsburgh. He covered the entire distance of 5,000 miles on his motorcycle in thirty-five actual running days.

Z. E. Rowan, chief of the Fulton County (Ga.) police, says that crime and disorder have been reduced 50 per cent in the two years that they have been using motorcycles in their department.

The Rockford, Ill., Motorcycle Club recently gave a banquet, dedicating their new club rooms. The club consists of sixty enthusiasts.

The motorcycle has solved one of the most trying problems of the motorists in the tropical countries. Their work usually covers a vast territory where traveling facilities are limited, but by using the motorcycle they can go quickly and comfortably from one point to another.

The Saginaw, Mich., Motorcycle Club does not propose to be idle during the winter, when it is not possible to enjoy their cross-country runs. They are planning a series of entertainments for the members, and will perhaps conduct a campaign to increase their membership.

Members of the Twin City Motorcycle Club, Norfolk, Va., are planning a "club night" to Elizabeth City, N. C., in the near future.

The fine shift road between Galveston and Houston, Tex., is the source of much pleasure to the motorcycleists in that part of the country. Motorcycle clubs have recently been formed at Allegheny, Pa., and Redfield, Cal.

A farmer living near Topeka, Kans., found his motorcycle of great assistance late one night, when he discovered that his horse had broken pasture and was galloping away. Quick as a flash he was on his two-wheeler, and in but a few minutes he was on the road, and in but a few minutes he was on the road, and in but a few minutes he was on the road.

## RITCHIE TO REST ON HIS LAURELS

Foxy Billy Nolan, Boxer's Manager, Makes Statement to the Press.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—It will be all of six months, but most likely a year, before Ad Wolgast and Willie Ritchie come together again in a title contest. This much was made certain to-day when Billy Nolan, manager of the new champion, sent a lengthy wire to the sporting editor of the Chicago American in response to several questions sent him.

Nolan, a veteran handler of fighters and one of the shrewdest in the business, knows and appreciates the worth of the championship, and openly declares he is going to get the spoils for his fighter that go to the victor. In other words, he is going to get the easy money for Ritchie. Easy money, as Nolan means it, is in theatrical work, and already hundreds of offers are in his hands.

By eager to the theatrical world to bring the new star behind the footlights that a show house in Price has closed with Ritchie to appear there next week, giving him \$2,000 for his services. Nolan has many of these offers and declares he will take advantage of every one.

"Ritchie has fought hard to win the title, and before I permit him to fight again, and this does not mean that I fear he will be beaten, I am going to swell his bank account to \$20,000. I did it for Nelson, and I'll do it for this youngster."

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Michigan Remains Out.

Wolverines Refuse to Return to the Big Football Nine.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Michigan will not be in the "big nine" for another year at least. The meeting of faculty representatives to the annual session of the Association of American Universities to-day completely ignored the subject of the Wolverine's return. This subject was not mentioned by any of the members until the adjournment.

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### FIRE THREATENS MIDDLES.

Hotel Blaze Causes Navy Football Players to Tumble Out of Beds.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—The Navy football team and many out-of-town persons who are here for the Army-Navy football game, were given some real excitement at the Hotel Walton for half an hour early this morning when fire broke out in the cellar of the hotel.

The middles dressed and made ready to get out of the building. Night employees of the hotel awakened the other guests, and in a few minutes most of them were in the first floor prepared to leave in case of danger. Firemen arrived in response to an alarm from the hotel's private box, and in a short time the fire was put out.

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### ENGINEERS 1912 FOOTBALL SQUAD.

Top line left to right—Smith, Frick, Mungen, Freeman, Simmons, Macmaster, Second row—Stacey, Sapp, Carl, Gerdes, Threlk, Apple, Third row—Dittmore, Huston, Washburn, Inganhouse, Jeffery, Helwegson, Engle, Fisher, Pany. Bottom row—Murray, Litton, Blair, Temple, Howe, Kline, Reed, and Lloyd.

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